STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS D E P A R T M E N T O F H E A L T H

Safe and Healthy Lives in Safe and Healthy Communities

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are pleased to let you know that your child has been enrolled in the RI Dept of Health's KIDSNET Program. All children in RI are entered into the program as a result of information received from participating programs, physicians and hospitals. Your child has recently been added; please see below for some answers to some frequently asked questions.

What is KIDSNET?

KIDSNET is an information system that tracks children's vaccinations, lead screenings, and other preventive services. The information in KIDSNET will be used for coordinating care, assuring preventive health services are provided appropriately and for other public health purposes. See the enclosed What Is KIDSNET? card for a listing of services and programs.

What Information Does KIDSNET Have On My Child?

KIDSNET includes contact information and may include preventive health information from many programs such as Immunizations, Lead Poisoning Prevention and WIC.

Is KIDSNET Information On My Child Confidential?

KIDSNET information is confidential. Only authorized users will be able to view it and have limited access to information based on their "need to know". Authorized users include health care providers, school nurse teachers, Head Start nurse coordinators and staff of KIDSNET and KIDSNET participating programs. As a parent or legal guardian, you have the right to limit or block access to KIDSNET information on your child and change your decision. To learn more about limited and blocked status, call KIDSNET.

Are All Children Enrolled in KIDSNET?

Children who were born as of January 1, 1997 in Rhode Island or have a Rhode Island doctor are enrolled in KIDSNET. Children who are not born in Rhode Island but receive services through a KIDSNET program (such as WIC or Early Intervention) are also enrolled in KIDSNET.

Can I See My Child's KIDSNET Data?

Parents and Guardians have the right to see their child's KIDSNET information. If your child's doctor is a KIDSNET participating provider he/she can show you your child's information. If you feel the information is incorrect, you have the right to request that your doctor change the information.

For more information about KIDSNET call:

KIDSNET HELP DESK
Toll Free- 401-222-4220 or TTY: 800-745-5555
8:30am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday